

JUNIORS *in Action*



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What Did We Do?

SUSAN CARLSON
Editor

Welcome to our newest member, Brenda Saben. What a great addition to our club! We look forward to Brenda joining in our fundraisers and other fun events.



At last month's meeting, our club members worked on our Domestic Violence GFWC project. Great job, I think we have a winner! We will submit our project at the Annual Meeting in Dedham on April 27.



Joanne Moore, Senator
Michael Knack, State Representative
Denise Garlick, State

Representative Elizabeth Poirer,
State Representative Robert DeLeo,
and Senator Karen Spilka.

We also worked on our Shot@Life Bear project and will continue at our April meeting. Our TEAM puzzle pieces project is



so creative. What a great 'shot' shall we say!



Several club members attended the 'Day at the State House'. Nancy Brown, Nancy Clark and Cheryl Carlos took the train into Boston. There in attendance was our own GFWC of MA leaders,



Diane Murphy and Marianne Pierce.

Everyone there heard speeches from Senator Theresa Murray, Chairman



Then our Soup Sampler fundraiser on March 23 was another great success.

We had a plethora of soups, too many to mention.



The bread was so delicious; thank you to Hannaford's and

a special thank you to Joan Curran for making dessert treats.



We raised over \$740 for our scholarship fund! Great job to all

those that volunteered their time and energy to this event.



Our very own 'Cat in the Hat' made a surprise visit to Mrs. Nickerson's classroom at the Galligan School on behalf of our club. The 'Cat',

with the assistance of Cheryl Carlos, presented 3 Dr. Seuss books celebrating his birthday.



Upcoming Events

Get ready for our next **Casino Fundraiser** trip on Tuesday, April 16 to Foxwoods. The bus will leave from the Silver City Galleria at 7:45 am and will return around 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person which include a bonus package for a buffet or \$10.00 at any restaurant, plus \$10.00 Keno.

Our **annual GFWC Conference** will be held on April 27 at the Dedham Holiday Inn. Please bring to the April meeting Boston sports stuff to add to our basket that we will enter into a contest. We are also collecting Birthday Wishes ingredients to donate. See page 6 for the list of items.



Joan Curran's daughter, Bridie, is a senior nursing student at UMASS Boston, and has been selected to embark on an educational journey to Kenya to work on the **Kenya Heart and Sole Project**. This project partners with Kenyan nurses to improve cardiovascular and metabolic health in Kenya. Read her blog

at <http://blogs.umb.edu/khas/2013/02/09/bridie-curran/>. If you would like to contribute specific items for her June trip, please see page 6.

On May 4, the GFWC of MA will have their **Spring Bling Fashion Show** at the Marriott Courtyard in Marlboro.

DATES TO REMEMBER	APRIL 1 BUSINESS MEETING	APRIL 29 BOARD MEETING	MAY 6 BUSINESS MEETING	MAY 20 BOARD MEETING
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April 2013

Sun 31	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
	JR. BUSINESS MEETING AT THE SILVER PLATTER AT 7:00 PM			GFWC OF MA CLUB INSTITUTE IN MEDWAY		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15		17	18	19	20
21		23	24	25	26	27
						GFWC JUNIORS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN DEDHAM
28	JR. BOARD MEETING AT SUSAN CARLSON'S AT 7:00	30	1	2	3	4

April Hospitality	May Hospitality	June Social
Judy Ackerman (C)	Judy Riley (C)	Location to be determined
Dolores Costa	Cheryl Carlos	



Who's Who?

Cheryl Carlos

- ✿ Born In - Taunton, MA ✿ Member Since - 2003
- ✿ Lived In - Taunton
- ✿ Hobbies - Gardening, Cooking, Crocheting, Reading and playing Pogo
- ✿ Favorite Things - Traveling

CHERYL'S FAMILY

Cheryl was born in Taunton and educated in the Taunton public schools. She is one of seven children.

Her mom and one brother live in Florida. Her other brother lives in Raynham and her sisters live in Berkley and Taunton. Her oldest sister Fran and her youngest brother Jeff both died too young of heart attacks. Her dad died at age 63 of a heart attack.

Cheryl herself has had 3 heart attacks at age 31 followed the next year by a stroke!

She has two daughters; Tanya with a son Brandon, and



Melissa who is a teacher and has 2 sons, Joshua and Nick. Nick sadly was killed by a hit and run

driver at the age of 17.



Cheryl's been married for 22 years to Edwin, a wonderful man. Her 2 step daughters are; Kathy, an RN with a son Danny, and Cheryl who owns the hair salon 'A Cut Above' in Taunton with 2 daughters; Lauren and Malori.



CHERYL'S CAREER

Cheryl was a home health aide for 20 years. After recovering from her heart attacks and stroke, Cheryl volunteered for 15 years at Leddy, Walker and Mulcahey schools in Taunton. Today she volunteers three days a week at Mulcahey School.

CHERYL AS A JUNIOR

She loves being a member of our Junior's club because of 'the people are kind and giving and do wonderful things for so many people'.

She considers herself lucky to be part of our club and

she is involved in so many of our fundraisers and takes full advantage of the one of a kind experiences such as going to the Massachusetts State House where ordinarily she may not have gone on her own.



CHERYL IN HER COMMUNITY

Cheryl is a kind and honest 'do anything for anyone' person. And she loves to be outside gardening in her flower bed or veggie garden. She was an integral team member when helping to weed and plant the Fragrance garden at the Boyden Wildlife Refuge in Taunton.



Committees

ARTS

Nancy Clark

We are going to continue to work on our TEAM puzzle pieces - women might want to paint their nails to be part of the photos for completing this project.

Our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention art project will be completed at our April meeting.

Also, Awards day for the arts and photography contests for GFWC of Massachusetts will be held at Club Institute April 4th at the VFW in Medway. See www.gfwcma.org/clubinstitute.html for directions.

CONSERVATION

Denise Wheeler

We **RECYCLE!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater clean used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags and soap for needy families.

We are collecting men's clothing for Taunton charitable associations.

EDUCATION

Nancy Martin

Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Bring books to swap or that can be donated to Friends of the Library.

Monthly Prize Contributor

The winner of our monthly prize drawing, will be the contributor of the next month's prize.

FUNDRAISING

Open

The next casino fundraiser trip will be on April 16 to Foxwoods. If you would like to donate items for our raffles for the bus ride, please call Jane.



Please donate mugs, specialty tea bags, tea pots and large baskets for our raffles, and summer, fall, winter, spring and kids items.

HOME LIFE

Denise Wheeler

Save Toiletries for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.

Save board games and craft supplies (see website) for Pride Inc. dayhab center.

Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.

Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.

Save your spare change for A Women's Concern.

Save flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on Winslow Farm website.

INTERNATIONAL

OUTREACH

Cindy Brogan

Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions. Our pig, Cha-Ching is filled, but we will continue to collect this year.

We will be collecting for Shot @ Life, our focus project for GFWC of MA Jrs this year.

LEADERSHIP

Nancy Brown

Surprise to our latest recipient of the Leadership Award, was no surprise to our members. Our own Nancy Brown was awarded the coveted Leadership Award for all her efforts and her leadership role model she brings to our club. Congratulations Nancy!

MEMBERSHIP

Dolores Costa

Happy Birthday to . . .

Denise Wheeler, Nancy Brown and Fran Perry.

And a big Welcome to our newest member - Brenda Saben!

PUBLICITY

Nancy Brown

Did you see our coverage for our Soup Sampler fundraiser in the Raynham Buzz, the Taunton Gazette and on cable TV?

PUBLIC ISSUES

Open

We are still collecting teddy bears or other small stuffed animals for TEMS and items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

PROGRAMS

Joanna Alden

As we plan our next few month's of guest speakers, we would like to hear what topics are of interest to our members. Please call Joanna or speak to her at our next meeting and let her know who you would like to have as a guest speaker. Perhaps you know of someone in the community that would like to be a guest speaker.

GFWC

NEWS & *Notes*



In all 50 states and more than a dozen countries, our members work locally to create global change. GFWC clubwomen are mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, doctors, teachers, and community leaders who are dedicated to enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

From our historic Headquarters in Washington, D.C., GFWC leaders and staff offer support and guidance to more than 100,000 members and more than 4,000 clubs, who collaborate on projects that touch lives in their own hometowns and around the globe.

GFWC is distinguished from other service organizations by the breadth of our outreach. Our community service programs span all areas of the lives of our members, their families, and communities: arts, conservation, education, home life, public issues, and international outreach.

Did You Know?

More about GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly . . .

Jane Cunningham Croly, journalist, author, editor, and woman's club leader, was born in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England, the fourth child of Jane Scott and Joseph Howes Cunningham, a Unitarian preacher. Her father's unpopular beliefs reportedly led to the stoning of their house and the impetus for the family's move to the United States in 1841.



Jane finished her childhood in Poughkeepsie, New York, and Wappinger's Falls, New York. She received her early education by reading widely in her father's library. She lived and kept house for a time for her brother, a Congregationalist minister in Worcester, Massachusetts. She taught school there and wrote a semi-monthly newspaper for her brother's congregation.

In 1854, at age 25, Jane came to New York City in search of work. Her father had died, leaving her without a means of support. The New York Tribune accepted her first article, and she began working as a journalist for the New York Sunday Times and Noah's Weekly Messenger, where she started using the pen name, Jennie June (a la Fanny Fern) and wrote a women's column called "Parlor and Side-walk Gossip". One account describes her as "small of stature . . . charming in manner with attractive blue eyes and brown hair, but beneath her engaging personality dwelt an independent spirit."

In 1856, she married a staff writer for the Herald, David Goodman Croly, a self-educated Irish immigrant who, as an editor, would be credited with pioneering the format of the modern Sunday newspaper. Jane's column was popular, and by 1857, she became one of the first women to syndicate her column, sending it off to newspapers in New Orleans, Richmond, Baltimore and Louisville.

Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at susansvin@yahoo.com or call 508 828 8066.

GFWC

An international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

MEETING NOTES

Bridie Curran's

List of items to donate to her
June 2013 trip to Kenya

Deadline to get to Bridie is April 14

- Bandages/gauze
- Band-aids
- Blood pressure cuffs - manual
- Blood pressure cuffs - Omron automatic
- Cotton balls
- Exam gloves
- Glucometer strips
- Glucometers
- Lancets
- Med envelopes
- Plastic bags (for waste)
- Purell hand sanitizer
- Sharps containers (small)
- Soap bars
- Stethoscopes
- Sturdy, non digital scales
- Surgical masks
- Surgical tape
- Tape measures for waist/height
- Tongue depressors
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

See more at:

www.gofundme.com/26p6ew#stash.rorfycyb.dpuf

**Birthday Wishes Ingredients
for our GFWC Juniors Annual
Conference Basket**

Bring to our April 1 meeting any of the
Birthday themed items below:

- Cake mix
- Disposable cake pan
- Box of candles
- Tablecloth
- 8 Juice boxes
- Small pack of plates
- Small pack of napkins
- Pack of spoons or forks
- Pack of party hats
- Decorations/Filler: streamers, balloons, masks, birthday banners, etc.
- Extra fun items: stickers, jewelry, card games, etc.

When you see geese flying along in "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way:

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following.

By flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.
